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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Henriksen et al.

Art unit: 1617

Serial No.: 10/071,505

Examiner: Shahnam Sharareh

Filed: February 8, 2002

Title: Administering a Gravity Segregation Dispersion by Continuous Infusion

## Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sirs:

This is a response to the Official Action of June 24, 2003, in connection with the above identified application. The period for response to the Official Action is set to expire on July 24, 2003.

The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect Group I invention which includes claims 1-12, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected invention at a later time.

Applicants have been requested to elect a single disclosed species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. Applicants elect a gas-containing contrast agent wherein the gas is present as albumin-stabilised microbubbles. Applicants submit that all claims are generic as the method of the invention is independent of the contrast agent used.

In view of the election of Group I invention without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question with respect to the foregoing, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants undersigned counsel at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Chisholm', written over a horizontal line.

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